
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Gloucester Dragons Recreational Soccer

October 21, 2008

MINUTES

In Attendance:

Adam Gray	Tim MacPherson	Denis Comtois
David Lowe	Francois Brouard	Ivor Pontiroli
Chris Little	Hani Diab	Marcella Zikmund
Ken Gorman	John Gibson	Sean Cale
Stephen Heckbert		

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

1. Roll Call

2. Approval of Agenda:

MOTION: That the agenda be approved

Moved: Francois Brouard

Seconded: John Gibson

Carried

3. Approval of 2007 Annual General Meeting Minutes:

MOTION: That the 2007 AGM Minutes be **approved as presented**

Moved: Francois Brouard

Seconded: Sean Cale

Carried

4. Chairperson's Address

Stephen Heckbert introduced his comments by welcoming all present and reiterating the GDRS Mission Statement "...to promote the game of soccer while providing all participants with an equal opportunity to play and develop in an atmosphere of fun, good sportsmanship and respect." He then summarized his written report (see Annex A) on the 2008 season, highlighting the four strategies adopted by the GDRS Board of Directors

In the November 2005 strategic business plan. He concluded his comments with an overview of the issues and challenges the organization faces and needs to address and closed with an acknowledgement of the support the organization receives from players and the GDRS volunteer community. Stephen also extended a special thank-you to GDRS Board Members and staff and especially to Michele Taylor and Barry Walker for all their efforts while serving as members of the Board.

As outgoing Chair, Stephen congratulated the group on the efforts made and initiatives taken to ensure a successful 2008 season and wished everyone all the best for 2009. He now occupies the roles of Past Chair of the GDRS for 2008/2009 as well as President of the GSA and so will be working closely with all present in the coming year.

5. Reports from members of Board of Directors

Each member of the Board of Directors provided a summary of his or her written report (see Annex B).

Common themes/discussion points included:

- registration (online identification of Hornets/Dragons players, effects of later closing date)
- team formation challenges
- balancing of teams

- coach recruitment and training/timing of training issues
- absence of semi-finals this season
- earlier end of season date this year
- provision of practices jerseys
- more support and training for referees
- advertising challenges (including in-school)
- field scheduling and maintenance
- code of conduct and respect policy/ importance of a positive soccer experience for all involved
- complaint form
- field investment
- volunteer recruitment
- financial strategy

In addition, it should be noted that the excellent handling of Uniforms, Equipment and Facilities by Bob Fox was repeatedly mentioned as were the many contributions and challenges faced by Bridget and the GDRS staff.

6. Financial Report

Francois Brouard introduced his comments by noting that, by agreement, no one will open any account item unless agreed to by the Treasurer so as to avoid some of the accounting issues encountered in the past. He emphasized the need to build a consistent structure that must be followed and advised that this is where his efforts have been directed. Sean Cale expressed congratulations to Francois on behalf of the Board for cleaning up the accounting/reporting aspects of Dragons business.

Francois also advised that the audit for 2007 is still not completed as the Hornets portion is not yet finalized. He then presented the financial statements for the period ended September 30, 2008 (see Annex C). Francois indicated that continuing to align items in the proper account, better investment strategy and quarterly financial reporting to the Board are among the priorities for 2008/2009.

MOTION: That the financial statements be approved as presented

Moved: Fred Meacoe
Seconded: Tim MacPherson

Carried

7. Other Business (items c/d were added at the meeting)

a) Board Member Recognition

Stephen had wanted to formally recognize our two departing Board Members Barry Walker and Michele Taylor and present them with a small token of appreciation. As both were absent, Stephen mentioned the many contributions both have made to this organization, wished them the best and assured all present that we hope to continue to call on their expertise whenever possible.

b) Volunteer Recognition

Stephen also presented, in absentia, the Dave Bowyer Volunteer Award which was established this year. The Dragons recognized Don Bishop as the first recipient of the award for his many years as Chair of the GDRS and for the time he has devoted over the years to youth soccer.

c) Mission Statement

Sean proposed updating the GDRS Mission Statement to better reflect the Association and read out an alternative he authored for consideration. It was agreed that the proposed change would have to be placed on the 2009 AGM agenda for consideration prior to any amendments being made.

d) 19-25 Soccer – Hani Diab

Hani advised that he would like to introduce recreational soccer for the above age group through the Dragons Association as there is a significant gap in what is currently available for them. Stephen advised that this idea touches on, among other things, the issue of what model the GDRS wishes to pursue, how best to handle adult recreational soccer within the GSA, as well as Sean's proposed Mission Statement revision. After some discussion, it was agreed that Hani should put forth a business case of some sort and both Stephen and John expressed their willingness to explore such a proposal with him.

8. Election of new Board of Directors

Position	Term of Office	Nomination	Motion	Second	Result
Chair	October 2010	Sean Cale	Stephen Heckbert	Francois Brouard	Acclaimed
Executive Director Operations	October 2010	VACANT			VACANT
Treasurer	October 2009(1year term)	Francois Brouard	Stephen Heckbert	John Gibson	Acclaimed
Registrar	October 2010	Tim MacPherson	Stephen Heckbert	Sean Cale	Acclaimed
Director Equipment and Facilities	October 2009(1 year term)	Bob Fox	Stephen Heckbert	Francois Brouard	Acclaimed
Director Youth Boys (13-18)	October 2010	Chris Little	Stephen Heckbert	Ken Gorman	Acclaimed
Director Marketing & Community Relations	October 2009	VACANT			VACANT
Director Coach Development	October 2010	John Gibson	Stephen Heckbert		Acclaimed
Head Referee	October 2010	Fred Meacoe	Stephen Heckbert		Acclaimed

The incumbents of Secretary (Marcella Zikmund), Director, Youth Girls (Denis Comtois) Director, Mini Girls (David Lowe) Director Mini Boys (Ivor Pontiroli) and Director, Micros (Ken Gorman) have another year remaining in their term.

9. Adjournment

MOTION: that the meeting be adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Moved: Francois Brouard

Seconded: John Gibson

Carried